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In response to office action dated 09/25/84 (Paper No. 10),  
Applicant herewith provides the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 28-32, 36-44 and 46-47 in their  
entirety and substitute the following new claims in their place.

48. In an inverter connected with a DC source and operable  
to provide an AC voltage at an output, said inverter requiring  
a manifest trigger pulse for initiating inverter operation, the  
improvement comprising:

means to provide said trigger pulse, but only when a  
load is connected across said output; and

means to make the inverter cease operating whenever  
said load is disconnected from said output.